

Chapter 148

I have to figure this out...soon. I just need to know if marking her will hurt her. It seems like such a simple question to answer, but no one has one. She's pack now, we have been able to document that. She has made it clear she wants to try, but she won't be the one stuck here alone if something does go wrong. What if the venom is parasitic or poisonous to her. I don't have much more time. She'll force the marking or she'll leave, something she has also made clear.

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By the time I have gotten the correct brain to function she has already showered and left the room.

"Hey Bennet. Are you with Kennedy?"

"Of course. The question is, why are you not with her?"

"She railroaded me this morning doing yoga on the deck. She wasn't happy I didn't take the bait. Just curious if she's mad or if it's safe to come down."

"Uh, she doesn't seem pissed at all. She's actually messing around with Danny and some of the guys. I was gonna ask...nevermind..."

"Ask what?!"

I get radio silence from all of them. I know it's her, she told them not to answer me. She knows how to use her command now. She's so frustrating, and it's my fault. I change and go to my office to work, but I don't make it an hour before I am marching onto the practice field the little pups are using.

She's laughing with Danny, Bennet and a bunch of the kids. I march right



to her, take her face in my hands and hesitate for only a second. I need her eyes to focus on only me. As soon as she locks her gaze with mine I press my lips to hers. Based on the giggles and titters from the kids and the low laughter from the warriors, it's probably not the most appropriate kiss in front of pups, but two can play the flirting game. I just need to decide if I care all that much about winning.

I pull back just enough to make eye contact again.

"Such a little tease." I mindlink her.

"So you remembered that was an option, huh?"

"I needed you to remind me. And I need to remind you, don't forget this before you leave." I kiss her again. "I might not be as controlled next time."

"What if I said that's okay?"

My wolf and I let out a low growl. To distract myself I ask what they are learning. The little girl I saw with Kennedy the first day she walked into training like the pied piper steps up with all the confidence in the world.

"The Luna is teaching us how to be safe if the bad guys come around and we all alone wif no grown up." 2

I squat down so I can be at her eye level. "Is that so?" She nods, while the rest of the kids are a full step back content to let her take the lead in talking to me. I don't tend to work with the little pups. I'm just too big for some of them up close like this. "Can you tell me how you stay safe if you're all alone?"

"Yeah! We played hide and seek and she had to find us. We have to watch where we walk and then we have to make our smell different to confuse




them. The last one found wins!"

"Who won this time?" I ask, pretty sure I know the answer.

"ME! But we had help. I don't think the Delta's very good at this game, all his team got found first." I bark out a laugh.

"Did you hear that Danny? You need to practice more. I'm sure..." Look down at the little girl. "What's your name sweetheart?"

"Emily, Alpha." She giggles. Maybe I should have known her name.

"I'm sure Emily could give you some pointers." Now all the warriors are laughing and the kids join in even though they have now idea what they are laughing at. 

I stand back up and face Kennedy. "Will you join me for lunch when you're done here?"

"I promised Sarah I would have lunch with her, if you don't mind the extra company."

"I haven't sat down with my mother in a very long time. Do you think she'll mind if I crash your girl's day?"

"I highly doubt it." She smiles at me. "Go work, I have things to get done here if you want me to be on time."

I lean in to kiss her again. I can't stop now that we have opened that flood gate.